

No. 242

AN ACT

SB 832

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further regulating the purchase of furniture, equipment, textbooks, school supplies and other appliances for use in the public schools, further providing for the sale of unused and unnecessary lands and buildings and changing the time for making State payments to school districts.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Clause (8) of section 707, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended May 17, 1957 (P. L. 148), is amended to read and section 707 is further amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new clause to read:

Section 707. Sale of Unused and Unnecessary Lands and Buildings.—The board of school directors of any district is hereby vested with the necessary power and authority to sell unused and unnecessary lands and buildings, by any of the following methods and subject to the following provisions:

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(8) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, any school district of the second, third or fourth class, upon approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the board of school directors of such district, may convey any unused and unnecessary lands and buildings of the district to the city, borough, town or township, the boundaries of which are coterminous with or within those of the district, without consideration, or for such consideration and on such terms of exchange or otherwise as may be agreed upon, without first complying with the requirements of the foregoing provisions of this section.

All such conveyances shall contain a clause whereby the lands and buildings will revert to the school district if they are no longer being used for municipal or authority purposes.

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(11) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, and subject to the limitations herein set forth, any school district, upon approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the board of school directors of said district, may convey, with or without consideration,

any unused or unnecessary lands and buildings of the district to:
(i) a community college organized and existing under the provisions
of the "Community College Act of 1963,"; or (ii) the State Public
School Building Authority or a municipality authority with which
the community college has entered into or is about to enter into a
lease rental agreement for the use of the subject lands and buildings.

The conveying school district shall: (i) be a sponsor of the com-
munity college to which the conveyance is to be made, or with which
the State Public School Building Authority or the municipality au-
thority to which the conveyance is to be made has entered into or is
about to enter into a lease rental agreement for the use of the sub-
ject lands and buildings; or (ii) be coterminous with or included
within the boundaries of a municipality or county board of school
directors sponsoring the community college to which the conveyance
is to be made or with which the State Public School Building Au-
thority or the municipality authority to which the conveyance is to
be made has entered into or is about to enter into a lease rental
agreement for the use of the subject lands and buildings.

Section 2. ¹ Sections 805, 806 and 807 of the act are repealed.

Section 3. The act is amended by adding after section 807, a new section to read:

Section 807.1. Purchase of Supplies.—All furniture, equipment,
textbooks, school supplies and other appliances for the use of the
public schools, costing one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more shall be
purchased by the board of school directors only after due advertise-
ment as hereinafter provided. Supplies costing one thousand dollars
(\$1,000) or more but less than fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) may
be purchased from the lowest responsible bidder after soliciting sealed
quotations from three (3) or more firms, manufacturers, or dealers in
such supplies. Supplies costing fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) or
more shall be purchased by the board of school directors only after

¹ "Section" in original.

public notice has been given by advertisement once a week for three (3) weeks in not less than two (2) newspapers of general circulation. In any district where no newspaper is published, said notice may, in lieu of such publication, be posted in at least five (5) public places.

The board of school directors shall accept the bid of the lowest responsible bidder, kind, quality, and material being equal, but shall have the right to reject any and all bids, or select a single item from any bid. The board of school directors may adopt rules and regulations for the administration of the purchasing of supplies costing less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

The following shall be exempt from the above provisions: maps, music, globes, charts, educational films, filmstrips, prepared transparencies and slides, pre-recorded magnetic tapes and disc recordings, and textbooks necessary for school use.

Section 4. Section 2517 of the act, amended February 1, 1966 (P. L. 1642), is amended to read:

Section 2517. [Semi-annual] Quarterly Payments.—The amount apportioned and allotted to each school district shall be divided into [semi-annual] quarterly installments and the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall draw his requisition [semi-annually] quarterly upon the State Treasurer in favor of each district for the amount to which it is entitled. The first [semi-annual payment may be an estimated amount] three quarterly payments shall be estimates based on but not to exceed [fifty percent (50%)] twenty-five percent (25%) each of the total amount apportioned and allocated to the school district during the previous school year for the same purposes. The final quarterly payment shall be the balance of the apportionment due for the applicable school year. Payment thereof shall be made to all school districts during the months of [April and November] August, November, February and May of each year.

Section 5. The provisions of section 4 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1968.

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